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SUBJECT: PRESS QUERIES ON ENMOD

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1. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN THE STATE DEPT NOON
BRIEFING TODAY: -

Q: MR. FUNSETH, HAVE THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION
COMPLETED A DRAFT OF A TREATY OUTLAWING THE TECHNIQUES FOR
CHANGING THE WEATHER FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AS REPORTED IN A
MAJOR EAST COAST NEWSPAPER? A VIRTUAL AGREEMENT?

A: THE TALKS HELD IN GENEVA THIS LAST WEEK WENT VERY
SATISFACTORILY, AND OUR DELEGATION HAS RETURNED FOR FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS. WE DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS THEMSELVES SINCE THEY WILL BE CONTINUING.

Q: WHEN THE DELEGATION RETURNED, DID THEY CARRY WITH THEM
THE DRAFT OF A TREATY THAT HAS VIRTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
SOVIET UNION?

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A: LET ME SAY THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE MEETING OF THE MINDS IN GENEVA LAST WEEK. BUT THE RESULTS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

Q: DOES THE REVIEW CONSIST OF CONSULTING WITH CONGRESS AS TO WHETHER THIS WOULD BE APPROVED AS A TREATY?

A: I WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT QUESTION.

Q: YOU ARE CONFIRMING THEN THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, OR THE MEETING OF MINDS, IS ON A DRAFT TREATY --

A: -- A DRAFT TEXT.

Q: -- TO OUTLAW THE ALTERATION OF WEATHER?

A: THIS FOLLOWS FROM THE STATEMENT OF 1974 BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV, WHEN WE AGREED TO HAVE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DANGERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE.

Q: YOU SAID THERE IS A DRAFT TEXT, IS THERE?

A: NO, I SAID THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE MEETING OF THE MINDS.

Q: ON THE DRAFT TEXT?

A: ON THE SUBJECT. I DID NOT MEAN TO SAY "DRAFT TEXT."

Q: YOU BROUGHT UP DRAFT TEXT.

Q: YOU USED "DRAFT TEXT". NOW, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A: THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE MEETING OF THE MINDS, BUT THE RESULTS OF THESE TALKS IN GENEVA LAST WEEK ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

Q: WHEN ARE THEY MEETING AGAIN?
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A: THERE HAS BEEN NO DATE SET FOR RESUMPTION.

Q: WILL THIS BE DEALT WITH IN GENEVA, OR WILL IT BE RESERVED FOR A SUMMIT SIGNATURE?

A: YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT BEFORE YOU CAN HAVE ANY SIGNATURE, AND WE DON'T HAVE AN AGREEMENT AS YET.

Q: ASSUMING AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED, WOULD IT BE
DONE IN GENEVA OR WOULD IT BE SIGNED BY THE HEADS OF STATE
IN A PROJECTED SUMMIT CONFERENCE?

A: HOW IT WOULD BE CONCLUDED WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED
AFTER AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.

Q: DID THE MEETING OF MINDS MOVE SOME FINGERS TO INITIAL
A DRAFT TEXT?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE THAN WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID.

Q: WHO IS REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AT THIS?

A: THOMAS D. DAVIES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF
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